[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

formed into a separate section. This was done, and the newly formed Account Section, consisting of a Head Accountant, 1 clerk on Rs. 75-100, and 3 clerks on Rs. 45 to 70 and one clerk on Rs. 20 to 40, was placed under the Superintendent of Stationery.

(*d*) The pay of this officer was raised by Rs. 25 temporarily in consideration of the additional work involved. In Chingam, 1098, the pay was revised along with that of the other officers of the Secretariat and fixed at Rs. 200-25/2-250. No special pay is given to him for being in charge of the Account Section or the Central Vernacular Records.

Unused Road Materials.

307. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether there are any safeguards for the prevention of unused road materials being remeasured and paid for again, and, if so, what; and

(*b*) whether the orders, if any in this respect, are being strictly enforced?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes. Unused materials are recorded in monthly road material statements. Before a new supply is started, the unused materials lying on road sides are measured over to the contractors for the supply of materials, and their receipts obtained; and at the time of making payments, the unused materials are deducted and the balance alone paid for.

(*b*) Yes. They are reported to be enforced by the Division and Subdivision Officers.

Compulsory Retirement of Mr. H. R. Gunther.

308. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that they have ordered the compulsory retirement from the service of First Grade Inspector, Mr. H. R. Gunther, and, if so, the charges framed against him and submitted to the Government for their consideration by the Excise Commissioner?

(*b*) Was Mr. Gunther given an opportunity to explain the charges reported against him by the Excise Commissioner by granting him the copies relating to such charges; and, if so, what was the purport of his defence?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes. The Government are not prepared to disclose the charges framed departmentally against public servants.

(*b*) Yes. He was heard by the Dewan. Government offered to show him the records relating to the charges against him; but Mr. Gunther did not choose to peruse them or put in a defence.

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